

Abstract of the Disclosure

When a user inputs data to a device having a plurality of data input units such as a text data input unit, e.g., a keyboard, a screen or the like and a voice data input unit, e.g., a microphone or the like, an optimal input method is automatically selected and provided to the user in accordance with an item of the data to be inputted by the user. A data input method selects an optimal input unit for the user from the text data input unit and the voice data input unit to control a data input operation in accordance with information such as the type of an item of data to be inputted, a data amount, an ambient noise state, a recognition result at the time of inputting data with voice, and the like.